

Today's News - December 17, 2003

Grants allow some grand plans. – Best/worst scenarios for the future. – New Prime Minister promises a new day for Canadian urban centers. – Amenities are lure to Los Angeles urban center. – Architects are pompous? (Say it ain't so!). – High praise for the British Museum's "sumptuously austere and gloriously restored" Enlightenment Gallery. – Indianapolis experiencing its own museum boom – A huge urban renewal project for Cork County, Ireland. – Hadid to master plan Beijing's SoHo Town. – A touch of titanium for Gehry's ARO (but no pictures 'til next year). – Graceful campus building in Malta. – A Florentine villa gracefully restored. – Shopping goes very upscale. – The Smithson factor. – Musical notes for a Prague hotel. – Nature calls a Canadian talent. – Unacceptable behavior.

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[National Endowment for the Arts Announces \\$25.3 Million in Grants - Los Angeles Forum for Architecture; National Building Museum; openhousenewyork inc.; Design Corps; etc. \[link to complete list\]](#)- NEA

[Best and Worst Case Scenarios for the Future: designers, urbanists, and city-dwellers outline their personal best- and worst-case scenarios for the future - Kurt Andersen; James Howard Kunstler; Martha Schwartz; Aaron Betsky; Sam Schwartz; Andres Duany; etc.](#)- Metropolis Magazine

[It's a new day for cities: ...one of \[Prime Minister\] Paul Martin's top priorities — striking a new relationship with Canada's urban centres.](#)- Toronto Star

[The Amenities That Matter: Pools, Parks and the Effort to Build a Community-](#) Los Angeles Downtown News

[On the level: modern architecture: If architects were less pompous on site, they might win the hearts and minds of builders... The general public, too...if anyone took the time to explain to them...](#)- Telegraph (UK)

[Enlightenment dawns: the British Museum opens a museum of itself...is self-awareness of the best kind. By Hugh Pearman - Robert Smirke; HOK \[images\]-](#) HughPearman.com (UK)

[Eiteljorg Museum plans to expand borders: "An architect doesn't often get a chance to go back to a project and work on it again." - Jonathan Hess/Browning Day Mullins Dierdorf-](#) Indianapolis Star

[Science centre to be heart of €500m living and culture space: Boston Science Museum...will be heavily involved in running the project.](#)- Irish Independent

[Zaha Hadid to design masterplan for SoHo \(Soft Office, Home Office\) Town, Beijing: 1 million-square-metre project-](#) The Standard (Hong Kong)

[Gehry reno unveiled to Art Gallery of Ontario: ...will include some titanium panelling..."But not as much as you might think"](#)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Savio College opens multi-purpose hall in Dingli...curved lines are reminiscent of prehistoric temples in Malta. - John Ebejer; Cassar, Grech, Ebejer and Partners-](#) Times of Malta

[As Befits an Old Villa, Restoration and Rumor: The aura of timelessness has just returned to Villa La Pietra after a four-year gut restoration... By Joseph Giovannini \[images\]-](#) New York Times

[In Midtown, Minimalism Meets British Luxe: the Asprey store on Fifth Avenue - Norman Foster; David Mlinaric \[images\]-](#) New York Times

[In Europe, a Shopping Tradition Updated: KaDeWe \[Berlin\] will begin a \\$54 million renovation...Many successful department stores are drawing shoppers in by transforming themselves into a kind of museum cum theater offering exhibits and performances...](#)- New York Times

[A career built on dreams: Of the few buildings designed by architects Alison and Peter Smithson, many were disastrous or just plain ugly. So why, asks Giles Worsley, do they remain such hugely influential figures?](#)- Telegraph (UK)

[Architect Rocco Magnoli Designs Music-Themed Aria Hotel in Prague-](#) PR Web

[The call of the wild: Emerging architect Pierre Thibault finds being out in nature can trigger fresh, creative ideas. By Lisa Rochon-](#) Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Architect found guilty of unacceptable conduct by watchdog - Peter Richardson/Zoo Architects-](#) The Herald (Scotland)

[Modernism for Sale: Richard Mandel House by Edward Durell Stone \[images\]-](#) ArchNewsNow

– Competition winners: Shigeru Ban; Jean de Gastines & Philip Gumuchdijan, Centre Pompidou - Metz, France

– Competition winners: Foreign Office Architects: The Music Box, BBC Music Centre, White City, London

– Foster & Partners: Elephant House, Copenhagen Zoo, Denmark

– Half-way mark: Santiago Calatrava: Turning Torso, Malmö, Sweden



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